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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Crimes decrease in Reading in March**

**READING, PA** – The City of Reading today announced that incidents of serious criminal activity are continuing to decline. Overall, the number of crimes reported in March, 2010 was down 10% compared to March, 2009.

Even with reduced resources, the police department is holding its own in the fight against crime, said Reading Police Chief William Heim.

“The crime rate has fallen for three straight months in 2010, following an overall decrease of 11 percent in 2009,” Heim said. “I commend the officers who are working hard each day to make our city safer, and are doing the job with fewer personnel. They deserve a great deal of credit.”

For the first three months of 2010, serious crimes are down 15% compared to the first three months of 2009, and down 30% compared to the same period in 2008.

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Reported Part 1 Offenses January - March			
	2010	2009	2008
Homicide	2	3	3
Rape	5	4	11
Robbery	95	87	103
Assault	62	77	91
Burglary	297	225	274
Larceny	312	495	569
AutoTheft	95	137	187
Arson	9	7	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>1035</b>	<b>1247</b>